MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Theamount of the expenditure incurred on account of the supply of books to the pupils of the backward communities studying in Classes III and IV in 1114 can be known only by the close of the financial year onreceipt of the invoice for the supply of readers from the Superintendent, Government Press.

Munshis in English Schools.

408. *MR. G. VELU PILLAI (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapally*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Malayalam Munshis appointed in English High Schools in the years 1113 and 1114;

(*b*) whether any one selected by the Public Service Commissioner is included therein; and

(*c*) if not, why?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (*a*) 5.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Departmental promotions were ordered.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know how many were selected by the Public ServiceCommissioner?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Nobody was selected by him. But the appointments are made by promoting men in service.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know why departmental promotions were made?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Because qualified men were available among those in service.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the qualification for appointing teachers in the Malayalam schools as Malayalam Munshies in English Schools as followed by the Department?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: For Munshies in English Schools, the qualifications prescribed are Higher Grade training and Vidwan title.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I take from the Director of Public Instruction that the Department is following the principle of appointing Vidwan teachers who have got Malayalam Higher trained qualifications as Malayalam Munshies in the English Schools?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Yes.

PRESIDENT: How did this expression 'Malayalam Munshi' come into vogue?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: That is an old term.

PRESIDENT: Persian term?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Yes, Sir.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: സംസ്കൃതത്തിൽ ഉപാദ്ധ്യായം മഹോപാദ്ധ്യായം ശാസ്ത്രി മുതലായ പരീക്ഷകൾ പാസ്സായിട്ടുള്ളവരെ മുൻഷിമാരായി നിയമിക്കുന്നതിൽ മുൻഗണന നൽകുന്നുണ്ടോ എന്നു സഭയെ പറയാമോ?

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MR. A. GOPALA MENON : ഉണ്ട്.

Malayalam Munshis in English Schools.

409 ✻ MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha cum Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the scale of pay of Malayalam Munshis in English Schools;

(*b*) the scale of pay of Sanskrit Munshis in English Schools;

(*c*) the scale of pay of undergraduate teachers in English Schools; and

(*d*) if there is any difference in the scale of pay under these heads mentioned above, why such a difference is still maintained?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : (*a*) Rs. 20-2-40.

(*b*) Rs. 20-2-40.

(*c*) i. Rs. 30-2-50 in English Schools for boys.

ii. Rs. 30-2-50 and Rs. 20-1/2-25 in English Schools for Girls.

(*d*) The work of undergraduate teachers is heavier than that of the Munshis.

Opening of a dispensary at Sasthankotta.

410 ✻MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representations from the people of Sasthankotta in Kunnattur taluk, for opening a dispensary at that place; and

(*b*) if so, what action was taken on it?

VAIDYASASTRA KUSALA MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The general question of establishing new dispensaries is engaging the attention of Government and the proposal to open a dispensary at Sasthankotta will also be considered along with it.

Opening of a first grade hospital in North Travancore.

411 ✻MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the matter of opening a first grade hospital in North Travancore has been brought to their notice; and

(*b*) if so, whether any action has been taken on it, and, if so, the action so taken?

VAIDYASASTRA KUSALA MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE : (*a*) Yes; petitions were received to raise the District Hospital, Muvattupuzha, to a First Grade Hospital;

(*b*) The proposal was considered by Government and it was decided that some additional facilities for the treatment of patients in the District Hospital, Muvattupuzha, should be given at present. An additional in-patient ward as also an additional staff of one Nurse and one peon were accordingly sanctioned for that institution.

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